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Effectiveness of increased noise and party fines questioned in San Luis Obispo

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Someone complains to the police that their neighbors' backyard is filled with rowdy, drunken people throwing ping pong balls and hurling themselves down a Slip N' Slide. A cop shows up, hands the host a \$100 fine and posts a notice on the front of the house. The party is over.

San Luis Obispo Police Chief Deb Linden is currently developing recommendations on how to handle noise and partying in the city. If enacted, the laws will mean larger fines on party hosts, guests and property owners. The fines are supposed to deter people from hosting large, noisy events, but some question their effectiveness in a college town.

Business administration junior Chris McCarthy said he's on the fence about the issue of noise and partying in San Luis Obispo.

This is a college town and parties happen, he said, but it doesn't mean students shouldn't respect their neighbors.

"We're dealing with a town that's basically divided among college students and senior citizens, which is basically oil and water socially. It's

all about respecting the neighbors and college kids don't understand that coming right out of mom and dad's house, and so older neighbors end up the victims," he said.

McCarthy said he thinks the fines will be effective in quieting parties but not decreasing them.

"I've had friends who've had tickets, and they became very careful about who they invited to the rest of their parties and careful of noise, because college students are too broke to be paying \$350 plus tickets," he said.

At a city council meeting on Sept. 29, Linden proposed the "unruly gathering ordinance," which fines residents, property owners and contributing guests who host or attend a party that creates a significant disturbance. If an officer thinks the party fits the criteria - 10 or more people gathered on private property who are engaging in unlawful conduct by, for example, being excessively noisy, drunk in public, serving alcohol to minors, fighting or littering - he would disband the crowd and issue citations. He'd also post a notice stating that any subsequent unruly gatherings at the premises within a defined period of time will mean additional fines to the residents, owners and guests.

Rental property owners would be notified of the posting before being fined for subsequent violations. Owners who show they're working on controlling unmanageable tenants won't be held liable for violations.

Linden offered Tucson, Arizona's "red tag" program as an example of an unruly gathering ordinance. In Tucson, hosts are initially fined

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KEVIN BLACK MUSTANG DAILY

UC Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara police crack down on visiting Halloween party-goers

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The University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) and Santa Barbara police are cracking down on visitors in Isla Vista on Halloween weekend. The largely student-populated area next to the university is a top destination for students from Cal Poly and all around California looking to party throughout the year, and with Halloween hitting on a Saturday this year, local authorities are expecting about 40,000 to 50,000 people to be in Isla Vista.

Over 250 officers will be patrolling Isla Vista throughout the holiday weekend, Isla Vista Foot Patrol Lt. Braid Olmstead said at a forum on Oct. 20 hosted by Keep It Safe, a UCSB Associated Students campaign for Halloween weekend. Police officers from Santa Barbara, most of the UC campuses, San Luis Obispo and others as far away as San Diego are coming to help keep

the party under control.

"Last time we did 250 arrests and over 600 citations for alcohol citations," Olmstead said in a Daily Nexus article about the forum. "I would love to see that statistic go down. I would like it to be a local event rather than an out-of-towner event; the out-of-towners do not respect Isla Vista."

UCSB Associated Students Vice President of Local Affairs Clayton Carson said that nine out of 10 ticket-able offenses in Isla Vista are given to visitors during holiday weekends.

Carson, an environmental studies senior, also said that although Keep It Safe is trying to prevent visitors from coming, it is also trying to help visitors know what is going on in an unfamiliar town and inform them on local laws and ordinances.

"It's amazing that we have to do this to prevent people from going off a cliff or getting alcohol poisoning," Carson said. "We're spending

millions of dollars just to cover our asses, but we have to make it safe."

Carson said that Associated Students and local authorities have had to look at previous events like this once to create a plan of action since Halloween has not fallen on a Saturday since 1998. For the first time, Carson's office is creating a 10-year long-term plan to deal with party weekends with local authorities.

"Isla Vista has that draw of being a party town," Carson said. "Police haven't figured out how to shut it down, so we have to keep people safe."

According to Carson, many students leave the area during holiday weekends in order to avoid the influx of visitors and police blockades. Locals also like to point unwitting out-of-towners in the wrong direction when they ask where Del Playa Drive, Isla Vista's main party street, is.

Although the average amount of property damage during holiday weekends is not known, it has got-

ten so bad that Isla Vista landlords regularly write clauses into leases to prevent their rentals from being destroyed by overzealous partying. Many landlords make it so that students cannot have overnight guests or alcohol in their homes during holiday weekends, Carson said. Others limit on how many people can be in a residence at a time during specific party-prone dates.

According to Keep It Safe's Web site, UCSB is not allowing any over-night or weekend visitors in dormitories on campus from Oct. 29 to Nov. 1. In Isla Vista, there will be a festival ordinance in effect from Oct. 25 to Nov. 4 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. Residents will not be allowed to play live or recorded music that can be heard outside of their homes.

Many campus parking lots will be closed from Oct. 30 to Nov. 2 in order to steer visitors away from the area. Only UCSB or Santa Barbara Community College students (who must purchase a special permit), fac-

ulty and staff will be allowed to access the three open lots that weekend. Night and week permits will not be honored, and UCSB police will be chaining off large parts of campus. Visitors will also not be allowed to park in many area lots, such as those around Calle Real, the Camino Real Marketplace, K-Mart, Girsh Park, University Village Plaza or in local Goleta neighborhoods.

In addition to parking restrictions on campus, Del Playa Drive and parts of Trigo Road will be closed off to parking in order to curb property damage costs. Residents must move their cars elsewhere and police will set up six different roadblocks around Del Playa Drive and Trigo Road. Visitors will not be allowed to park on the streets, and police will close off Isla Vista if pedestrian traffic becomes heavy. If this happens, only drivers with proof of residence in Isla Vista will be allowed into the area.

More information can be found at www.ucsbhalloween.com.

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\$100, but within 180 days after a "red tag" is posted at the residence, hosts, property owners and contributing guests are fined for subsequent violations starting at \$500 and going up to \$1,500.

The fines are supposed to deter residents from throwing parties and guests from attending, but general engineering junior Jake McCune said the ordinance seems like an add-on for what the police are already doing for noise complaints, which cost \$350 for a first violation, \$700 for a second and \$1000 for subsequent violations within one year.

McCune said that the unruly gathering ordinance will only mean more angry people, not fewer parties. Hosts will still throw parties but may try to regulate the noise level, even if they're contributing to it themselves, he said.

"The number of people at each party may decrease, but the number of parties will not. This may help to quiet some parties down, but the number of parties will remain the same," he said.

Parties are just a part of the college atmosphere, he said.

"You can look in any dumpster next to any dorm and find beer boxes or beer cans. You can go on to several streets just off campus and walk past a dozen houses having parties. Parties just seem to help to relieve the stresses of school life."

City and regional planning senior Jessica Wafer said if she were to receive a fine for hosting a party or as a guest, she would pay for it, not her parents.

"I think it completely depends on who it is; I just know my parents wouldn't pay for it no matter what... Just thinking about my friends and roommates, I think their parents would make them pay for it no matter what their financial situation."

In addition to the unruly gathering ordinance, Linden is devising changes to the business tax and license laws that might spur rental owners to maintain property conditions, comply with rules like occupancy numbers and take responsibility for their tenants' behavior.

Right now, businesses are issued

a tax certificate, but since it applies to the whole business and not to individual properties, an owner could have multiple properties but only pays for the one certificate. Business owners also have to get one license, which means the city doesn't keep track of the number or location of residential rental properties. There are also no specific requirements to revoke a business license if owners don't take responsibility for their rental unit or tenants.

Linden proposed four strategies. The council could choose to not change the business license and tax programs, to inventory all the rental properties and check compliance with licensing requirements more often than every five years, to have business owners purchase a license for each individual property and add a provision revoking or putting on probation the license of an owner who failed to maintain the rental property responsibly, or they could implement the third option plus periodic safety inspections.

Tony Flatos, Farrell Smyth Property Director said that the poor economy is affecting property owners. They have a lot of responsibility when it comes to finding responsible tenants; students without references pose a risk owners often have to take in order to rent their property. They come out of the dorms, dress up and act polite when it's time to sign the lease and their parents guarantee it, but then start throwing parties. If the city strictly enforces regulations, owners might have to evict students and then not be able to find a re-rent, he said.

Flatos said owners across the city are going to have to get together and come up with a policy about re-renting after an eviction.

The council authorized Linden to further research all five of the strategies she proposed Sept. 29. Though Linden will present recommendations in January, Mayor Dave Romero doesn't expect quick results.

"It may take weeks, months, maybe years to get everything squared away," he said.

Romero said these issues are neither new nor one unique to San Luis Obispo.

"It's not just our city," he said. "Every city with a university in or adjacent to it has these problems."

California-Nevada rivalry heats up, despite Reno's struggles

Dale Kasler

MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

RENO, Nev. — Four years ago, Reno's economy glittered as brightly as its casinos.

"The Biggest Little City in the World" created jobs faster than any one, often at California's expense, luring companies across the state line. A national magazine anointed Reno, with its low taxes and low-regulation climate, America's hottest spot for business.

Now the lights are dimming on the casinos and most everything else. Unemployment was 12.4 percent in August, the latest month for which statistics are available. The gambling industry is in retreat, and the collapse of the real estate market has exposed a "shallow economy," said one California consultant. The state of Nevada just raised taxes by \$1 billion.

But the cross-border poker game with California isn't over, and Reno isn't folding.

The Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) just launched a new recruiting offensive. The organization is going after green-tech companies, with California a big target. Next up: life sciences and software companies.

EDAWN says a weak economy doesn't undermine its message. The fundamentals that lured such employers as Microsoft and Amazon.com to Reno are still here: low costs and little red tape. Although the sales, hotel and payroll taxes have gone up, there's still no income tax.

Besides, California remains an all-too-easy target. Its ongoing economic and budget troubles "play into our hands," said Chuck Alvey, EDAWN's chief executive.

Inquiries to EDAWN from California have jumped 15 percent this year. Since 2004, EDAWN has lured 33 companies from California, including biotech and software firms.

The new companies haven't generated nearly enough jobs to overcome the impact of the recession, however. By this measure, Reno has taken quite a tumble.

In 2005, it ranked No. 1 on the "Best Places for Doing Business in America," an annual list compiled for Inc. magazine by California public policy analyst Joel Kotkin.

In the latest rankings, published on Kotkin's NewGeography.com Web site, Reno is No. 314. Sacramento is No. 297.

The rankings are based on job growth, and Reno's performance has been dismal. Unemployment has tripled since 2005. The slump in housing has erased half of Reno's construction jobs.

The recession also has accelerated the serious decline in gambling caused by competition from California Indian casinos. Though casinos still dominate the skyline, one-fourth of Reno's gaming jobs have vanished since 2005.

When community leaders staged a rally in May to promote tourism, near the famous downtown Reno arch, attendees couldn't help but notice the nearby Fitzgerald's casino-hotel, closed since November.

"There's no relief in sight," said Tom Cargill, an economist at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Some economists say it's a myth that businesses are fleeing California in droves. The Public Policy Institute

of California, in a 2007 study, said California's share of the nation's jobs has remained steady over the years at 11 percent. The exodus of companies from California to Nevada slowed considerably when the recession set in.

Yet relocation activity is perking up again, and the California-Nevada rivalry continues to fascinate business leaders and elected officials. Last spring, some Republican assemblymen from California staged a summit of sorts in Reno to call attention to the Nevada business climate.

"Instead of standing still and accepting difficult times, (Reno) has gone on the offensive," said Republican California Assemblyman Dan Logue in a recent interview.

Matt White is among those who've responded to Reno's call. The CEO of Basin Street Properties, a developer that owns office buildings in Sacramento and elsewhere, moved his headquarters to Reno from Petaluma in August. A key reason: California's high costs and surplus of turmoil.

California "may recover just fine," White said. "It's just not a bet that we're willing to make anymore."

Some business people say the recession makes Reno more attractive because labor and land costs are down.

During the boom, Kimmie Candy Co., a manufacturer that moved from Sacramento in 2005, had trouble finding workers in Reno. This year it will expand its 20-employee work force.

"I really don't have a lot of regrets about moving up to Reno," said owner Joe Dutra.

Nevada continues to try to exploit California's weaknesses. "Get your IOU yet?" a narrator taunted in a recent commercial produced by the Nevada Development Authority of Las Vegas.

EDAWN, a nonprofit whose budget has been cut in half because of the recession, is taking a lower-key approach. Its new campaign consists of e-mails sent to executives at 133 green-tech companies, including 25 in California.

The e-mails include a video message from an official at Ormat Technologies, one of several geothermal energy companies in Reno, arguing that companies in Nevada can avoid the "bureaucracy and the cost" of doing business in California.

Some consultants question Reno's ability to build a major green-tech industry. While its business costs are among the nation's lowest, Reno is a "shallow economy" that hasn't yet built a broad base of high-wage businesses, said Larry Kosmont, an economic development and real estate consultant in Los Angeles. He said the city is best suited to low-wage work like warehousing and call centers.

Reno officials insist they can attract quality high-tech jobs. "We want the R&D, the headquarters, the finance," Alvey said.

Ironically, even as Reno promoters trash California, they acknowledge depending on a healthy California for their own well-being.

Put another way: California's struggles have meant fewer tourists and fewer people moving to Reno, deepening the pain of the recession.

Californians "aren't selling their homes and consequently aren't buying ours," said Mike Ellena, a real estate broker in Sparks.

It was housing that drove much of Reno's recent success. Construction boomed, and prices topped \$300,000.

"There was an oversell of the Reno market," said Brian Bonnenfant, head of UN Reno's Center for Regional Studies.

Now, prices have fallen below \$200,000 and Reno is among the U.S. leaders in foreclosures.

Yet no one doubts the Reno market — and economy — will revive, presenting new threats to California.

"We've hit the bottom," said Skylo Dangler, a developer who works with Ellena. "There's going to be a lot more companies moving over from California because of the tax (rates) California has, the problems they have."

"Every day is a new problem they come up with."

Quick Stop gets Carrot Mobbed



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San Luis Obispo's first ever reverse boycott was held on Oct. 24 during the Global Day of Climate Action for 350.org. A Carrot Mob was held at the Quick Stop on Broad St. It raised \$3,356. The Quick Stop bid the highest percentage of their revenue, 40 percent, to use to make the store more energy efficient. The bid was the highest bid of any Carrot Mob. There were eight similar events around the world Saturday. The event brought the store seven times as much business than normally seen on Saturday afternoons.

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Massive Baghdad bombing casts doubt on Iraqi security during elections



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A U.S. soldier carries pieces of a car believed to be the car bomb that targeted Baghdad provincial council building, Sunday, Oct. 25.

Mohammed Al Dulaimy and Hannah Allam

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BAGHDAD — Suicide bombers in cars packed with explosives killed at least 132 people and wounded 600 more outside Iraqi government buildings Sunday morning in nearly simultaneous blasts that were powerful even by Baghdad's grim standards.

The bombings made Sunday the deadliest day in Iraq since April 2007, according to casualty figures released by Iraqi authorities, and they drew particular outrage because they struck at cabinet ministries and city government offices that are supposed to be especially secure.

One of the explosions also ruptured a water line, causing a flood that turned red as it mixed with blood. Corpses bobbed underwater and dangled from rooftops. An Iraqi soldier fainted at the scene upon hearing eight of his comrades had died.

"This is unbearable; this is criminal," said Mahmoud al-Fahmawi, an ambulance driver who collected jaws, a heart and other body parts from the scene. "God didn't order jihad as this. Jihad is not killing or bombing innocents."

Iraqi authorities said Sunday's bombings appear to have been carried out by two suicide attackers in cars or trucks that exploded almost simultaneously at around 10:30 a.m. Sunday, the first day of the workweek in Iraq. The timing was devastating, both for the scores of ordinary Iraqis who were killed

en masse as they arrived at their jobs and for the Iraqi government, which has been trying to address security and political problems in time for January elections.

American and Iraqi officials were hoping for a calm election season that would pave the way for a swift U.S. withdrawal from Iraq, but a political stalemate over election laws and the insurgents' continued ability to exploit the Iraqi government's vulnerabilities are potential spoilers. Now the January polls are in jeopardy, along with the Obama administration's goal of leaving behind a much more stable Iraq than the weak, violence-ridden nation of

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State

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (MCT) — A woman hid narcotics in her body just before entering the California Men's Colony near San Luis Obispo to meet an inmate during visiting hours, a report by the county Sheriff's Department alleges.

Guadalupe Ruiz, a teacher from Los Angeles, admitted to investigators that she was concealing the drugs after she was stopped at the prison during a law enforcement surveillance of her activities on May 17, according to the report.

Ruiz was one of 21 people arrested in June on suspicion of drug trafficking and plans to smuggle narcotics into the prison.

Authorities called the sting "Operation Broken Badge" because some employees of the local prison were allegedly involved.

After pulling her vehicle into the prison parking lot during a visit in May, a Sheriff's Department narcotics investigator asked Ruiz if she had narcotics and marijuana concealed inside her vagina, and she initially denied it, according to the report.

Detectives had obtained a search warrant for her car and threatened to obtain a second search warrant to conduct a body cavity examination.

SAN JOSE (MCT) — A wind-whipped fire that broke out early Sunday morning has burned 600 acres west of Mount Madonna in Santa Cruz County, Calif., forcing the evacuation of up to 100 households in the area.

The fire has already destroyed one home and two outbuildings, said Jim Crawford, a Cal Fire battalion chief at the emergency command center set up at the Santa Cruz Fairgrounds.

The area burning is the Maymens Flat area, where last year's devastating Summit Fire began.

Briefs

National

SEATTLE (MCT) — A teenager, who, two weeks ago turned up in the heart of New York City without remembering her name or where she lives has been identified as a resident of Washington state.

Detective Brian Sessa, a spokesman with the New York City Police Department (NYPD), confirmed late Saturday the 18-year-old is from Washington and her parents are flying to New York.

Sessa said the teen is in good health but still hasn't regained her memory. He declined to provide further details about where she's from in Washington or what happened to her.

The New York Post reported late Saturday that the break in the case came in a call to the NYPD tip hotline from an as-yet-unidentified caller.

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SAN FRANCISCO (MCT) — President Barack Obama called France's President Nicolas Sarkozy and Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev on Saturday to discuss a U.N. proposal related to Iran's nuclear program, according to media reports.

Obama and Sarkozy agreed on their support for the plan proposed by the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency, or IAEA, under which Iran would send some of its nuclear stockpile to other countries, such as France and Russia, for processing.

In his talk with Medvedev, Obama thanked Russia for its leadership on developing the proposal, and both leaders agreed that implementation should begin as soon as possible once all parties accept the plan, according to media reports.

The IAEA plan would have Iran send most of its stock of low-enriched uranium to France and Russia for processing into fuel for Tehran's reactor.

International

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia (MCT) — A Saudi woman journalist has been sentenced to 60 lashes for her involvement in the LBC program "Bold Red Line," aired in mid-July, Suleiman Al-Jumaie, the lawyer representing Mazen Abdul Jawad, the prime offender in the case, told Arab News on Saturday. "The journalist, R.A., the seventh accused in the case, accepted the verdict issued by Judge Muhammad Amin Mirdad of the Jeddah Summary Court. Her acceptance deprives her of the right to appeal," Al-Jumaie said.

R.A. was accused of being an accomplice to Abdul Jawad who provoked a furor because he boasted on TV about having premarital sex and also provided explicit sexual descriptions and told how to pick up girls and women. His statements have been viewed as publicizing and promoting sinful behavior and violating Saudi social norms on the issues of dating and premarital sex.

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DOHA, Qatar (MCT) — Iran has denied newspaper reports that its officials held secret talks recently with their Israeli counterparts to explore the possibility of declaring the Middle East a nuclear-free zone.

The Haaretz on Thursday reported that Meirav Zafary-Odiz, of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission, and Ali Asghar Soltanieh, Iran's ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), met several times on Sept. 29 and 30 in Cairo, the Egyptian capital.

But Ali Shirzadia, the spokesman for the Islamic Republic's atomic energy organization, said there was no truth in the claim.

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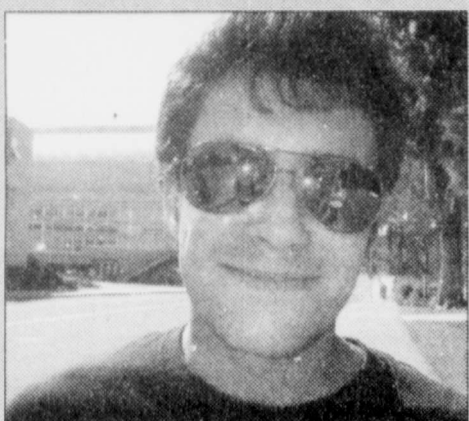
WORD ON THE STREET

"What's your favorite study snack for midterms?"



"Anything with caffeine. Chocolate is always nice. It makes you happier."

-Karlie Saenz, music senior



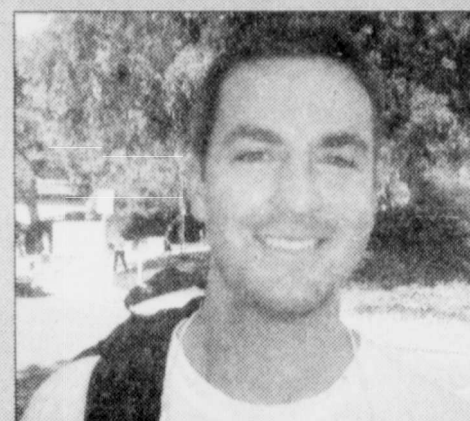
"Nature Valley granola bars, because it's the only thing we have in our room."

-Marc Saar, civil engineering freshman



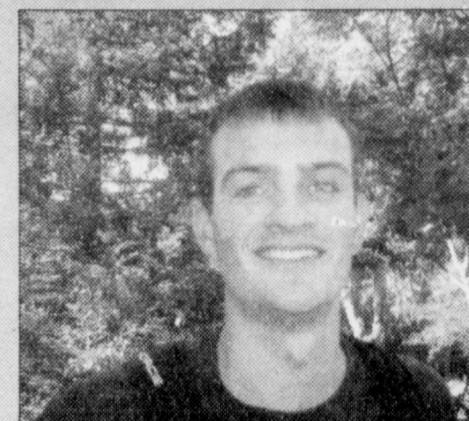
"Popcorn, because it's super tasty and lasts a long time. I like kettle corn."

-Liza Jaros, wine and viticulture sophomore



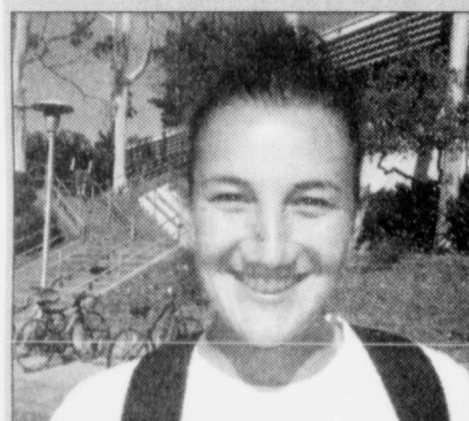
"I think I would have to study to answer that question."

-Ryan Buckley, business senior



"Cheez-Its and Gatorade. I don't know why, I just do."

-Patrick O'Neill, construction management senior



"Probably chips; they are easy to eat while holding a book in the other hand."

-Kristina Condon-Sherwood, recreation senior

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The Ministry of Municipalities and public works was targeted in a car bomb in Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday.

Bombing

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recent years.

"The United States will stand with Iraq's people and government as a close friend and partner as Iraq is prepare for elections early next

year, continue to take responsibility for their future, and build greater peace and opportunity," President Barack Obama said in a statement that condemned the bombings.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's administration was still reeling from twin truck bombings in August that killed about 100

people outside state offices. Together with Sunday's similar attack, insurgents have now rendered four key government buildings — the ministries of justice, finance, foreign affairs and municipalities — uninhabitable.

Al-Maliki, a Shiite Muslim, released a statement blaming elements of Saddam Hussein's predominantly Sunni Baath Party and militants from al-Qaida in Iraq for the attack. As of late Sunday, no group had claimed responsibility.

A somber al-Maliki visited the scene of Sunday's attacks within hours, perhaps mindful of the criticism he received after he failed for days to tour the site of the August bombings.

Although he remains popular with Iraqis, who consider him a less sectarian figure than some other prominent Shiite political leaders, al-Maliki faces a fearful constituency and security forces that still rely heavily on U.S. military assistance despite security improvements this year.

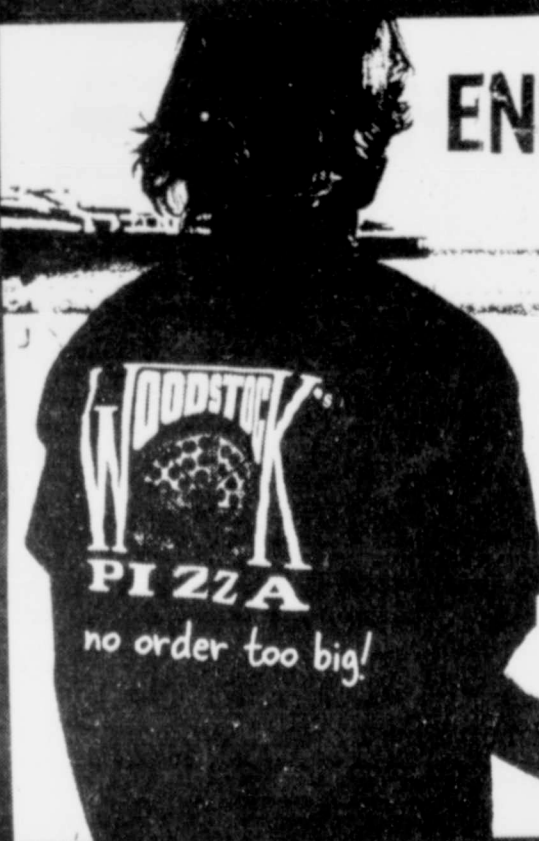
U.S. Marines arrived at the scene of Sunday's attack with Iraqi forces, in accordance with a U.S.-Iraq security pact that requires American forces to coordinate with their Iraqi counterparts before getting involved in combat or other operations. Americans at the scene asked Iraqi security guards for surveillance videos from buildings in the area, and investigators took soil samples and carted off pieces of twisted metal.

"The challenge is that we don't own heavy rescue equipment," said Iraqi Gen. Abdul Rasul al-Zaidi, the commander of the Baghdad civil defense force, who toured the site. "Secondly, it's hard for our men to arrive quickly to the sites of incidents because of checkpoints."

In interviews, residents and workers near the bombing sites said the attacks were politically motivated, required collusion from the security forces and were intended to bring down the al-Maliki government before the January elections.

"Look at all these checkpoints surrounding us, so how did these cars enter?" asked Radhi al-Aboudi, 50. "This government will never protect Iraq. Politicians seek office to live in luxury, so it's impossible for this government or the incoming one to protect the country."

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Obama declares swine flu outbreak a national emergency in procedural move

Janet Hook

McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Saturday declared the swine flu outbreak a national emergency, a procedural step designed to allow health care providers to speed treatment and slow the spread of the disease.

The action gives Kathleen Sebelius, Health and Human Services secretary, temporary authority to grant waivers that would expedite steps such as setting up off-site

emergency rooms to treat potential flu victims apart from other patients.

Administration officials said the move was not made because of any particularly troubling development, but as a pre-emptive measure to ensure that the tools for a quick response are in place.

"The potential exists for the pandemic to overburden health care resources in some localities," the White House proclamation said. "Thus, in recognition of the continuing progression of the pan-

demic, and in further preparation as a nation, we are taking additional steps to facilitate our response."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 46 states have reported widespread activity of the swine flu, also known as H1N1. Since the outbreak of the pandemic in April, there have been more than 20,000 hospitalizations from laboratory-confirmed infections and more than 1,000 deaths.

The declaration is the second step in the government's response effort. In late April, HHS declared

a public health emergency, which allowed the government to release antiviral medications from federal stockpiles to states that might need them.

The national emergency declaration allows Sebelius, on a case-by-case basis, to waive federal rules governing routine medical operations if requested by doctors or hospitals.

For example, to isolate infected patients, some hospitals are planning to establish separate treatment locations in off-site tents or community centers. But without a waiver of

current rules, the hospital may not get federal reimbursement if the facility is too far from the hospital property. Hospitals could also ask for a waiver of paperwork procedures if they are besieged by an influx of flu patients.

"If there's a surge in patients, you want to be able to put in place more efficient methods of triaging and treating people," Reid Cherlin, a White House spokesman, said. "It's a priority for providers not to have to waste time on the phone with federal managers."

Costs for U.S. project in Afghanistan soar as benefit hyped among officials

Mismanaged projects

The U.S. government is awarding millions to contractors to rebuild Afghanistan but is providing little or no oversight. Three examples of the problem:



Map of Afghanistan locates three U.S. government-funded reconstruction projects that contractors have mismanaged.

Marisa Taylor

McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

KABUL — Flipping a switch on one of Afghanistan's long-awaited electrical power plants in August, U.S. Ambassador Karl Eikenberry urged Afghans to think of U.S. taxpayers' support when they turn their lights on at night.

Only about 6 percent of Afghans are estimated to have electricity, and in his appearance with President Hamid Karzai east of Kabul, Eikenberry hailed the project as part of the country's emergence out of the "darkness" of oppression and isolation.

To some U.S. experts, however, the project is the latest example of exaggerated political expectations and wasted American taxpayers' dollars in the effort to rebuild Afghanistan.

Plagued by delays and rising costs, the project reveals how the U.S. government continues to ignore the hard lessons of Iraq, critics say, where contractors received billions of dollars with little oversight and inspectors have found rampant waste, fraud and abuse.

Far from representing Afghanistan's budding energy independence,

the project also demonstrates how dependent the country remains on its neighbors and the U.S.

The Afghan government is expected to need up to \$70 million in aid a year to truck in diesel fuel for the plant and at least another \$60 million to maintain and repair it. U.S. officials who once envisioned the project as a major supplier of electricity in the region now describe it as an expensive backup system.

"It's a sophisticated power plant," said Guy Sands, an assistant inspector general who's overseeing an inspection of the plant for the special inspector general for Afghanistan reconstruction that's due out soon. "But the reality is that it's totally dependent on diesel fuel, which comes from outside sources."

Meanwhile, the plant's construction costs have ballooned from about \$240 million to \$310 million, according to U.S. officials. Eikenberry's visit marked the completion of only the project's first phase, which was supposed to have been completed last December.

In a written response to questions posed by McClatchy Newspapers, the plant's two contractors, the

Louis Berger Group of New Jersey and Black & Veatch of Kansas, said the price tag would be only \$15 million more than expected, not \$70 million. But the companies acknowledged delays.

"The original target dates were a 'best case' schedule," the statement said.

Kohestani Hamayoon, technical deputy at Afghanistan's Ministry of Energy and Water, said a diesel-fueled plant had appeared to be the only alternative at the time because hydro-power would have taken seven years to develop. It was only later that another option emerged: importing electricity from neighboring Tajikistan, which now provides cheaper power to Afghanistan than the plant does.

"It is an urgent need for Kabul city, and the cost of the power is funded through international money," Hamayoon said.

The new plant will use about half as much fuel to produce electricity as an older 45-megawatt facility in Kabul does, Hamayoon said. The Afghan engineer said it wasn't backup power but provided both summer and winter power.

He declined to comment on the quality and cost of the two companies' work overall, however, referring a reporter to the U.S. government. "It is difficult for us to assess how they have done their work, good or bad."

The plant, near a sprawling industrial park, is part of a five-year, \$1.4 billion contract to build many of the roads and energy projects that now are under way in Afghanistan. The USAID awarded it jointly to the two U.S.-based companies in 2006.

Like Halliburton, which by some estimates took in more than \$10 billion in Iraq reconstruction contracts, Louis Berger/Black & Veatch received a so-called "cost-plus contract," which reimburses costs and pays a percentage of those expenses as a fee.

At the time, U.S. officials thought that cost-plus was the best way to encourage two major companies to take on the risks of overseeing a wide range of complex projects in a region in which expenses — and security — are difficult to predict.

Carl Petz, Black & Veatch's associ-

ate vice president for strategic marketing and communications, said the two companies worked closely with the USAID to manage the contracts, despite challenges that were "inevitable and often unpredictable" because of the serious and ongoing security problems in the war-torn country.

Even so, cost-plus contracts can encourage waste and overbilling, experts said. Auditors and investigators who scrutinized Halliburton's contracts over several years in Iraq, for instance, found millions of dollars in double-billing and inflated costs.

Republican Sen. Tom Coburn of Oklahoma, who's called for ending cost-plus contracts and has been critical of U.S. oversight of them, describes cost-plus contracts as "an open invitation to contractors to rip off the

government."

"By allowing contractors to not have any skin in the game, we allow for billions of dollars to be wasted, because all the risk is born by the U.S. taxpayer," he told McClatchy.

According to U.S. government estimates, fraud and corruption result in losses of up to 6 percent in government contracts.

Nunzio, the assistant inspector general for investigations for the special inspector general for Afghanistan reconstruction. "We're seeing fraud not only within U.S. contractor companies, but within government agencies that are responsible for overseeing the contracts, and even on a larger scale among Afghan nationals who are being awarded some of the contracts."

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Author questions the concept of rights during Constitution Day speech in PAC

Kara Dimitriou
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Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts sponsored an event in honor of Constitution Day last Thursday featuring Dr. Sonu Bedi, a professor of Government at Dartmouth College. Bedi gave a lecture regarding his book, "Rejecting Rights," in which he argues that rights are the traditional way to protect basic freedoms, yet fail to fully realize liberty and democratic thought. The goal of his lecture was to reframe how people view limited

government and have them realize the value of speaking in reasons rather than rights.

"We do best not to speak in the language of rights, rather we ought to limit democratic government by limiting the reasons or rationales on which the state may act ... We need to further democratic debate and secure liberty by rejecting rights," Bedi said.

Bedi believes that rights are not a proper way to rationalize laws. He argued that reasons provide better grounds for democratic deliberation.

In his lecture, Bedi presented two serious case studies to prove his principle: same sex marriage and abortion.

In the discussion of same sex marriage, he expressed the thought that those who are gay fight for equal rights. This is not true because it is not equal rights, since minors don't have the right to marry. There is also the argument on whether being gay is by birth or by choice.

If you look at rights, "it is illegitimate, because there is no good reason to reject the rights of gays, just like there is no good reason to reject whether someone prefers chocolate or vanilla ice cream," Bedi said.

According to the speaker, there is no reason to prohibit one group of marriage. It doesn't matter if it's a choice or not. Bedi says that some may argue that marriage is traditionally between a man and a woman, but tradition is not a reason since slavery was also a tradition.

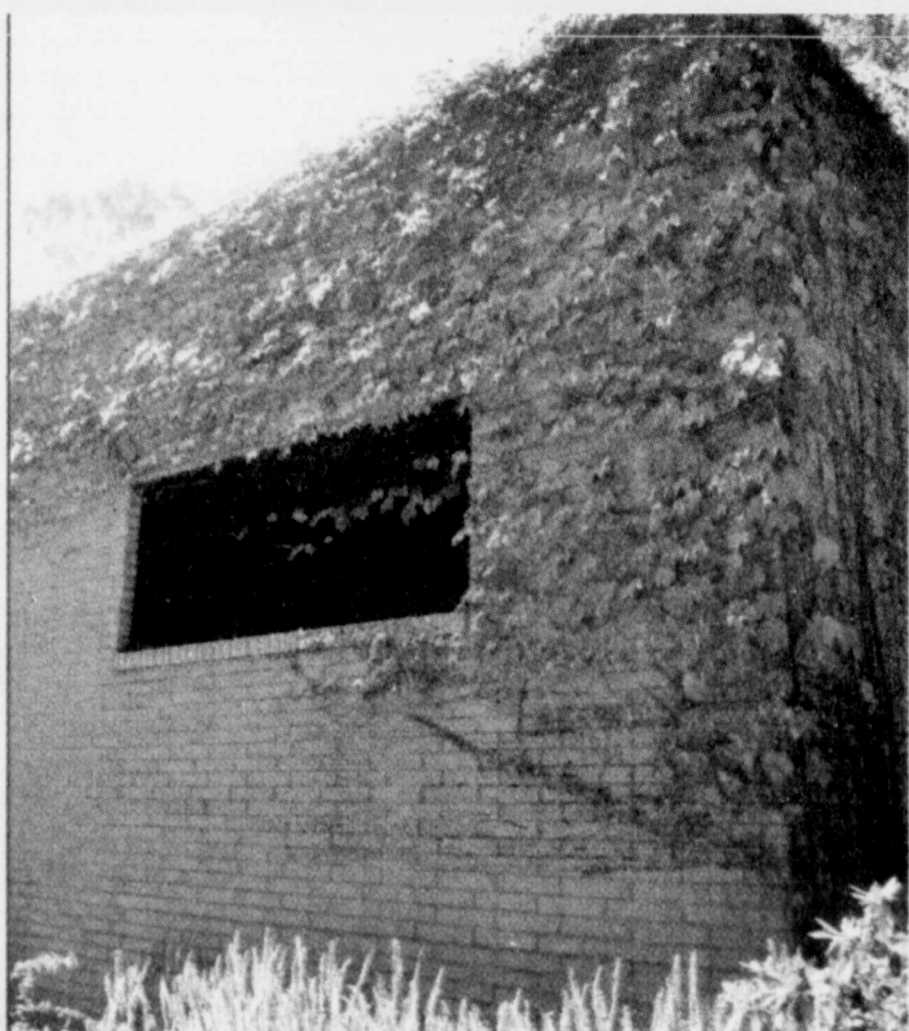
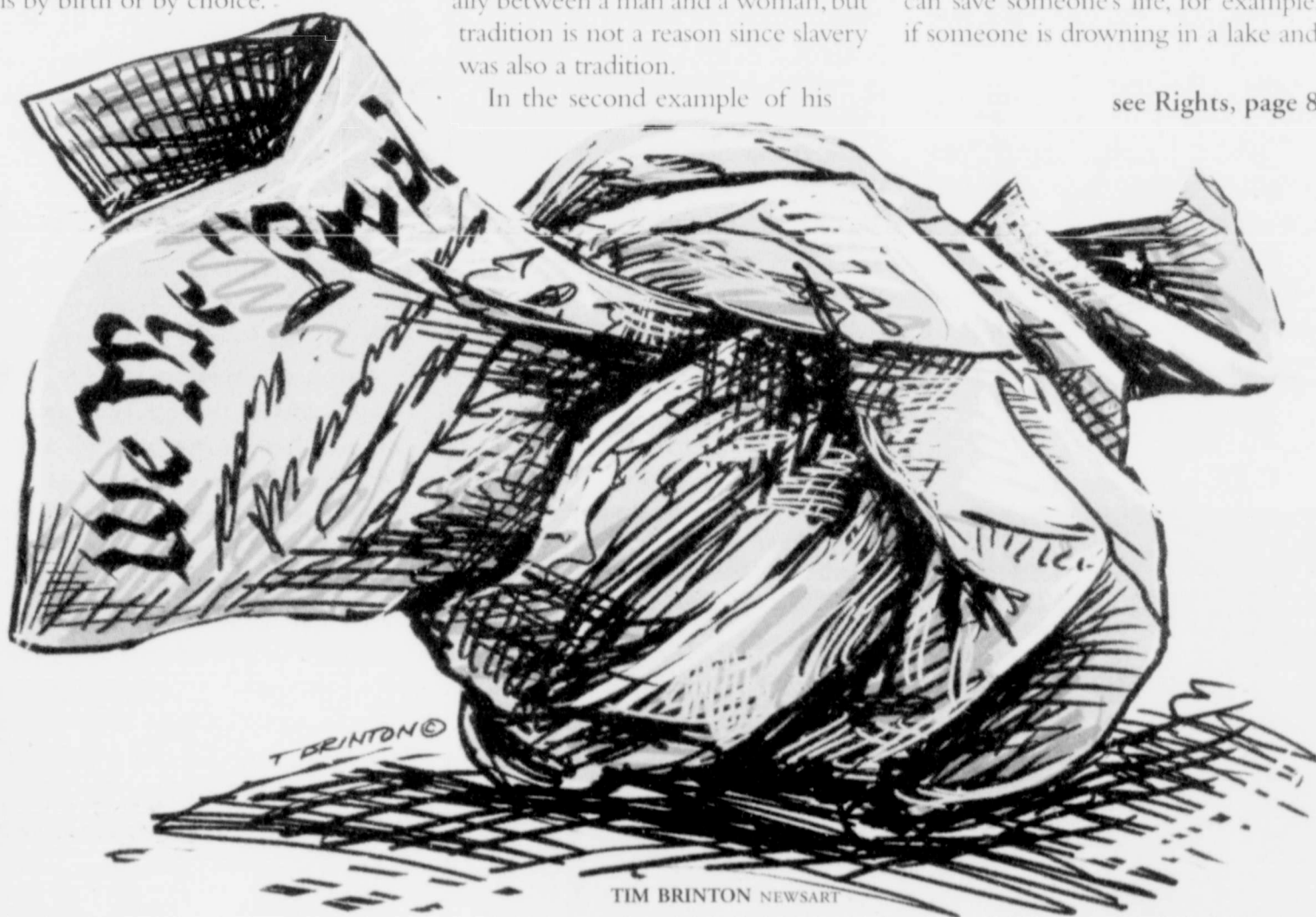
In the second example of his

presentation, abortion, there is an argument in this country on whether abortion is a right to life, right to privacy or a right of women.

"Rights pose the wrong questions," said Bedi.

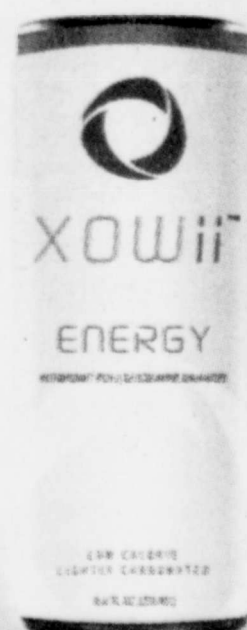
He argued that if a woman is not allowed the choice of abortion for the sake that it saves the life of a baby, isn't this similar to being a Good Samaritan? If there is only one person who can save someone's life, for example, if someone is drowning in a lake and

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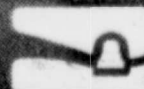
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ASI haunted house looks to frighten students

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Foggy graveyards, twisted labyrinths and dark dungeons are just some of the frightening treats Associated Student Inc. (ASI) hopes to scare students with in their first haunted house tomorrow night.

ASI Special Events Student Supervisor Courtney Serafin said that even though she's terrified of haunted houses, she's looking forward to showing the students what ASI has to offer.

"I want them to see that ASI can bring events to the campus that are new and fun," she said. "I want people to walk out and be like, 'That was really cool. I'm glad I came tonight.' Everyone here at ASI is really excited about it. It'll be a good little scare here and there."

ASI Program Coordinator Missi Bullock said that it's the unknown that makes people so afraid of haunted houses, especially on Halloween.

"If it's dark, you can't see

what's going to happen, and it's that surprise," she said.

One of the creatures of the night people can expect to see is the grim reaper, the large, hooded representation of death. City regional planning junior Brian Spaunhurst will be dressed as the grim reaper and said he can't wait to scare students. More than that, he's glad to see a Halloween alternative being made available to students.

"It's the first year they're doing it, and I'm really excited to be a part of it," he said. "I think it's great that they're putting something out to students that aren't as concerned with partying and just want to have a good time and celebrate Halloween. I really hope it goes well."

There is no age limit to attend the event, and ASI is requiring that no one wear a costume. The event is free for students with a Cal Poly ID and \$10 for the community and will only take place Tuesday in the Chumash Auditorium from 8 p.m. to midnight.



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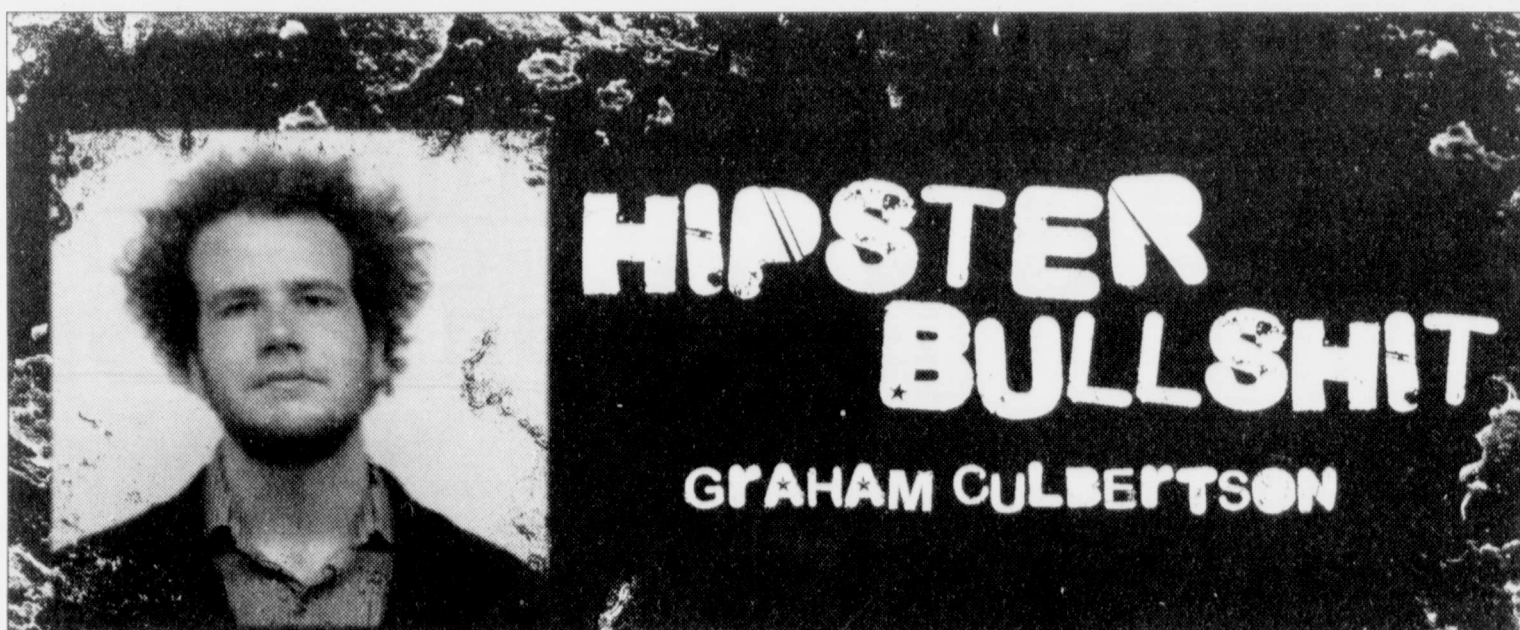
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A tough break-up inspires new album from Former Ghost

music column



In Jane Austen's "Persuasion," the main character asserts "that it was the misfortune of poetry, to be seldom safely enjoyed by those who enjoyed it completely." I don't know that I agree entirely, but when it comes to the emotional Holocaust of a break-up album like Former Ghost's "Fleurs," it's probably best to keep yourself a few feet away from total identification with the despair on display.

Former Ghosts started out as the solo project of Freddy Ruppert. He had no intention to release music after retiring his This Song is a Mess But So Am I moniker, but then heartache took a big old messy shit everywhere.

After a rather devastating break-up, he began to work on this collection of emotionally distressing songs that detail the sort of overwrought emotions we all have when forcibly becoming single. Initially conceived as little more than an artistic break-up mixtape, Ruppert pulled his project into a band consisting of himself, Nika Roza (Zola Jesus) and Jamie Stewart (Xiu Xiu).

On "Fleurs," the band manages to rescue overwrought break-up despair from emo music and Bright

Eyes and return it rightfully to the throne of Joy Division's late vocalist Ian Curtis. To be honest, telling someone you are near suicidal over your heartache only works if you've got the true ability to pack some heavy weight behind it.

Emotionally, this album lives up by being heavy as fuck — layers of reverb that supposedly play for seven full years when strung together, noisy abrasions tearing into your soul and vocal range that can truly express the overpowering immensity of sadness.

The album closes with one of the most obliterating triple punches I've heard in the past few years. Roza leads the band through "The Bull and the Ram," a blistering call for honesty in the end of a relationship with calls of "Tell me the truth" eventually erupting in "Speak louder, damn your heart." Ruppert follows with "Hello Again," a please-just-wait tearjerker that eventually gives way to the final track, "This is My Last Goodbye."

The final track is a true emotional trainwreck that, on paper, looks like little more than middle-school goth poetry. Ruppert chokes out, "It's ok, everything

dies," only to give way to Roza's repeated coda of "Who is going to love you like I love you?" Yeah, it sounds a little overly hysterical, but the performers manage to capture us when we actually do say these things in that moment when being nuanced has totally escaped us.

So, what does it mean to completely enjoy the album? Ruppert, recently entirely separated from the female who inspired the album, just sprung out on tour to sing about the exact emotions every night. His wanderings have been covered by bandmate Jamie Stewart for the sex and entertainment blog Nerve.

So far, Ruppert has managed to lay on a bartender's "puss puss" while tequila is poured on his face, have sex in a car outside of a waffle house, mail a copy of the album to his ex, puke on a stripper mid-lapdance and realize that "the solution to pain is drugs."

The band hits San Luis Obispo on Oct. 30. They will be playing at the SLO Art Center with Magic Fingers and Secret Tones.

Graham Culbertson is an English graduate student, a KCPR DJ and a "Hipster Bullshit" contributing columnist.

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you are the only one around, then are you obliged to save the person?

Bedi brings in the point that there are only six states with forced Good Samaritan laws, and the penalty for not being a Good Samaritan in Vermont is a mere fine of \$100. He asks, then why is abortion looked at differently?

Bedi closed his lecture with words from Alexander Hamilton who objected to having a Bill of Rights in No. 84 of the Federalist Papers. Hamilton felt that rights were things that were granted by kings and not needed in a democracy. If you have reasons, you should not be confined to rights.

"This lecture was great. Dr. Bedi is very knowledgeable and brought up some important points. It is a debatable matter, but he argued it well. It

makes you think in a different way," Badr Hussain, an environmental horticulture science senior said.

Political science senior Erin Mellon agreed, adding that this is a topic that most people only look at in one way.

"I thought it was interesting. It flips what you originally thought into a whole new concept," she said.

For a more in-depth argument, Dr. Sonu Bedi's book, "Rejecting Rights," is now available.

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I would like to ask why Stephanie didn't write this story about MSNBC and only chooses to attack Fox News. Yes O'Reilly, Hannity and Beck are commentators. They give their opinions and based on their ratings, a lot of people want to hear what they think. The 'news' anchors at FOX News are another matter. They are not biased. I challenge anyone to find a legitimate issue with FOX News, not one from the Huffington Post or some other liberal source and if by some chance you do, I will show you a dozen made by MSNBC or for that matter any other news show. Liberals are the most hypocritical babies I have ever seen. They can deal it but cannot take it. Also, please stop referring to Fox as being pro-Republican. All of their commentators attack the Republican Party. Beck constantly attacks the Bush presidency. They even admit that they are conservatives and libertarians, not republicans.

— John Bailey

In response to "FOX News is not a legitimate news source"

My prediction is that making WOW shorter will not do anything to decrease the drinking and partying going on. Students do these things at colleges everywhere. WOW should not be blamed for a few people's poor decisions. People would still do this whether WOW existed or not. It's unfortunate that WOW had to be shortened.

— Ann

In response to "Freshmen will get shorter WOW"

This article uses a major logical fallacy. The logical fallacy used in the article is oversimplification. As the article states, simply abolishing the welfare system overnight will not fix anything, by using charitable programs to provide "welfare" for the millions of poor Americans could help as well. But there are

not enough American charitable programs that could support the millions of Americans who rely on welfare and social security. There is no real simple solution to the welfare problem. Efficient experts and time will only tell how this problem will be fixed.

— Christopher Wallace

In response to "Welfare harms free enterprise economy"

If this is the case, then we need more people like Michael Pollan and Dr Rutherford to provide the balance that Mr. Wood and President Baker speak about so that we can offer a nicely balanced curriculum so that students can make up their own minds based on the exchange of knowledge shared through learning about failures and successful from all sides of the issues.

How is limiting the minority's time to express its knowledge good for the students to formulate their own decisions if they do not know what that knowledge is? In the case that everyone knew as much about sustainable agriculture as they knew about conventional agriculture, then yes, we need panels, but we don't! We are already exposed to one side. It is time to expose the other!

— Jorge

In response to "Pollan saga highlights shortcomings in Poly's commitment to free speech"

For one thing, the school wanted the event with Mr. Pollan to be a panel discussion when they first sent him the invitation. I wonder why Pollan wouldn't want a panel discussion. It couldn't be the fact that in that situation, his views would be challenged by people who actually work in the agriculture industry... I personally don't understand why people flock after Pollan's ideas, yet his background is in journalism, and he has no real experience working in the agricultural industry. I see nothing wrong if people want to follow his ideologies, yet it should not be presented in a college setting without having a balanced view of all sides

— Josh

In response to "Pollan saga highlights shortcomings in Poly's commitment to free speech"

Wal-Mart and the high cost of 'cheap'

Ellen Ruppel Shell

FREE LANCE-STAR

Last month, a bevy of Richmond, Va., residents joined with preservationists in filing a legal objection to the proposed construction of a Wal-Mart Supercenter within firing range of the Wilderness Battlefield. About 30,000 American soldiers were injured or killed on that field 145 years ago, and while we hope no blood will be spilled in the eventual outcome of the skirmish, the stakes are still fairly high.

On one side are the buffs, historians, concerned citizens and celebrities who argue that the Civil War landmark is both sacrosanct and vulnerable. "The Wal-Mart project would irrevocably harm the battlefield and seriously undermine the visitor's experience," said Zann Nelson, president of Friends of the Wilderness Battlefield, said. On the other side are Wal-Mart executives, who counter that far from besmirching hallowed ground, the intent is to boost the region with hundreds of jobs, hundreds of thousands of tax dollars and an unbeatable shopping experience.

Neither side of this dispute is likely to see the world through the others' eyes. But a close look at the evidence makes clear that, historical significance aside, the addition of another 130,000 square feet of Wal-Mart to a region already cluttered with the stores will bring significant collateral damage.

Wal-Mart boasts of having the lowest possible prices on the widest possible selection of goods, by offering both convenience and value. But a few years ago Massachusetts Institute of Technology-trained economist Emek Bask-

er decided it was time to examine that claim, and engaged in a study of Wal-Mart stores located near 165 cities across the United States. What she found was that Wal-Mart does indeed offer low prices, but not on everything it sells.

In fact, Basker found that Wal-Mart prices were actually higher than average for the region on one-third of its stock. Equally interesting was that on those items for which prices were lower, the average savings was 37 cents, with about one-third of goods carrying a savings of no more than two cents.

Research for this study concluded prior to the ongoing recession, thanks to which Wal-Mart — like most retailers — was forced to reduce its prices still further to keep the customers coming. It did so by aggregating the power of millions of individual consumers to gain leverage over its suppliers, the folks who actually manufacture and deliver the goods.

The power to wring cost out of bargain-basement goods is what makes Wal-Mart so appealing to consumers, and the leverage to do so while maintaining record profits is what makes Wal-Mart so appealing to company executives and investors. Naturally, these "everyday low prices" are not plucked out of thin air — they come at a substantial cost to most of us.

It's not just Wal-Mart workers who are suffering under this system. For 90 percent of Americans, wages and benefits have been flat or declined for years: We may be able to afford those cheap T-shirts and toys, but it's become increasingly difficult to pay for the necessities — fuel, housing, health care and a decent education for our kids. Low prices are made possible by low wages, job insecurity and the loss of workers' rights up and down the supply chain. With the unemployment rate hovering at 10 percent, can we really afford to continue on this path?

PABLO MOLINA NEWSART



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nathan Tsoi is suggesting that every year, he gives the government \$11,184, which the government proceeds to incinerate for its own pleasure. He completely neglects the benefits that come from government spending. Without that government spending, he'd be going to a private university (if he could get in, since they would be in much higher demand and the competition would be fierce) and paying more than \$11,184 every year. If his house caught fire, it would be the government's firetrucks that would put it out. That's worth far more than \$11,184.

Tsoi suggests that we return to the government-spending agenda of 1930, but let me remind you what the country was like in 1930. Unemployment was climbing at a rate the country had never seen before

or since (peaking at a whopping 24.9 percent). Also, the government was not engaged in two wars (which are kind of expensive). The reason we've become this great nation is that we've always seen the value in innovation and social services and thought they are a good investment.

And since when has the minimum wage prevented anybody from getting an unskilled job? The whole point of minimum wage is to ensure people will be able to make a living even if they don't have any marketable skills. Skilled workers do get paid more than unskilled laborers, because they do a skilled job. If I can play the piano, that doesn't mean I should get more money for stocking shelves at a grocery store.

Guy Shani
biology senior

The irony of the fact that taxpayers pay \$8,380 a year to subsidize Mr. Tsoi's Cal Poly tuition seems to be lost on him.

John Welsh
mechanical engineering senior

Thank you so much for writing an article about Chris Champion. I knew him through InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, and whenever I saw him Friday nights, he was smiling. Sometimes he could not stop smiling. His story has impacted my life as I know it has for many others. Reading your article brought back fond memories of him at dinner or hanging with friends or worshipping God. Thank you for that. I will surely miss him and yet his story lives on. Thank you for telling all of Cal Poly his story. I know he would have appreciated it. To the Champion!

Chad Hardin
mechanical engineering senior

The problem with ("U.S. Government lacks moral authority on human rights since public option has yet to pass") is that universal human rights are basically the goods that one group of people are demanding

from another group of people. The irony of human rights is that human rights applies to everyone not as a group but as individuals. If everyone requires health care "for any free service" then this becomes a standard of existence. But who pays for this service? Who must sacrifice in order for the common man to gain? The doctors, the nurses, the people who create medicine...all must sacrifice their standard of living to a greater cause. This infringes on their basic rights, the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The person who is required by another person to give him a product as his right has had his rights infringed upon. Ayn Rand says it best, "Since man has to sustain his life by his own effort, the man who has no right to the product of his effort has no means to sustain his life. The man who produces while others dispose of his product, is a slave."

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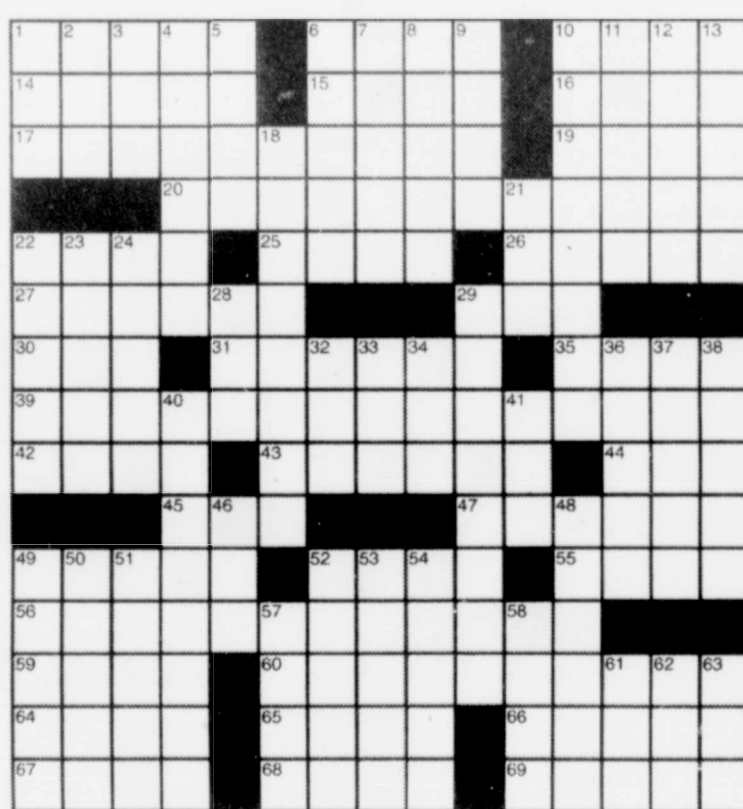


Monster Moms

- Across**
- Even a tiny bit
 - Family group
 - Employs
 - Tia ____ (coffee liqueur)
 - Opposite of taped
 - Having everything arranged just so
 - Official with a stopwatch
 - Goat cheese
 - Bragging sort
 - Uncle's partner
 - Going ____ (bickering)
 - Alternatives to woods
 - Sags
 - Pinup's leg
 - Broadcast
 - Resuming the previous speed, in music
 - See 5-Down
- Down**
- Quantity: Abbr.
 - ____ chi ch'uan
 - Where the humerus and ulna are
 - Doesn't level with
 - With 35-Across, view from Cleveland
 - Split
 - Florentine painter Fra Filippo ____
 - Prevent, as disaster
 - Detective ____ Wolfe
 - Not yet in a recognizable shape
 - Take care of
 - All gone, as dinner
 - Constellation elements
 - Stretchables
 - Actress Farrow
 - John or John Quincy
 - Dickens's Heep
 - Oslo's country, to natives
 - La ____, Bolivia
 - Takes it slow
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- County on the Thames
- Gangster a k a Scarface
- Nincompoop
- "Whoa ... whoa ..." caller
- Cassiterite
- Gushes
- ____ firma
- Thesaurus compiler
- Toward the left side of a ship
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Men's soccer tied for Big West top spot

Tim Miller
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly men's soccer is still tied for first place in the Big West Conference after a win Saturday over Cal State Northridge.

Both teams got off to a slow start with a scoreless first half.

Cal Poly head coach Paul Holocher said his players were lacking energy early in the game.

"In the first half, we were second to a lot of balls," he said. "We didn't have good movement."

Cal Poly notched their first goal of the match in the 68th minute with a header by David Zamora from a cross from Chris Gaschen.

Holocher credited Gaschen, a second half substitute, with giving the Mustangs a boost in their play.

"In the second half, we put a freshman, Chris Gaschen, in who gave us a little bit of a spark. He had some energy up top," he said.

A run by Zimora a minute later resulted in a penalty kick and two yellow cards to Northridge players.

Zimora said that he had been frustrated going into the match because he hadn't scored in a while.

"As a forward, you need to score to build confidence, and my first goal gave me that," he said. "The second goal came after a good run. I saw that the guy was not running as hard as he should, the defender, so I just went for the

ball, and luckily I was able to draw the PK."

Zimora took the penalty kick himself and put the ball past Michael Abalo, the Northridge goalie, for a two-goal lead.

The second hat trick in two weeks was completed in the 73rd minute by Zimora. The goal came off a rebound after a shot by Gaschen. This was Zimora's first career hat trick and only the seventh in school history. Zimora's hat trick comes 10 days after Junior Burgos scored his own hat trick against Cal State Fullerton.

The Matadors got on the board in the 74th minute with a goal by Cameron Sims off of a free kick right outside the box.

There was a scuffle initiated by a Northridge player after the goal that resulted in the Mustang's Brain Jones receiving a red card. Jones had received a yellow card earlier in the match for a dangerous challenge.

Cal Poly captain Josh Didion said even though they were down a player they did not want to be timid.

"We had to keep pressuring. We didn't want to sit in too much," he said.

Northridge player Chad Barak received a red card after a Northridge shot in the 80th minute; the reason for the red card was unclear. Whatever the reason, Northridge head coach Terry Davila was not happy and received a



NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY

Forward Mac Pridham gets fouled in a win against Cal State Northridge.

red card of his own for running on the field.

Next Wednesday the Mustangs will take on University of California, Riverside, which is struggling this year with only one win on the season and none in the Big West Conference. Cal Poly will then travel to UC Davis, whom

the Mustangs already beat this season.

"Every Big West team is a good team unfortunately with Riverside they can't finish off games," Didion said. "We have to concentrate on Riverside first and get those three points, and then we'll focus on Davis."

Football

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play, because anybody might play," he said.

Slot back Jaymes Thierry did not suit for Saturday's game and slot back Jon Hall was sidelined with a knee injury. Fullback Jordan Yocum, who was ruled out last week with a hip bruise, saw limited playing time, splitting carries with Jake Romanelli.

Romanelli led the Mustangs in rushing with 62 yards and Yocum fell behind him with 30. The Mustangs rushed for 103 net yards — their lowest rushing total all season.

That number could be a bit misleading, because for one of the few times this year, the passing offense established a rhythm.

Five different Mustangs finished the game with a catch: Jarred Houston and Dominique Johnson both recorded multiple. Johnson reeled in a 73-yard bomb from Smith for a touchdown in the first half, the longest toss and catch recorded this season.

With the Mustangs' win Saturday, Cal Poly inched one step closer to a playoff berth. Only one team made the FCS playoffs last year yielding four losses, so each game is a must-win.

"We know what's at stake. Our goal is obviously to win conference and go to the playoffs, and in order to do that, we need to win out," Smith said.

Cal Poly will have a conference battle against North Dakota in the Alerus Center this Saturday. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m.

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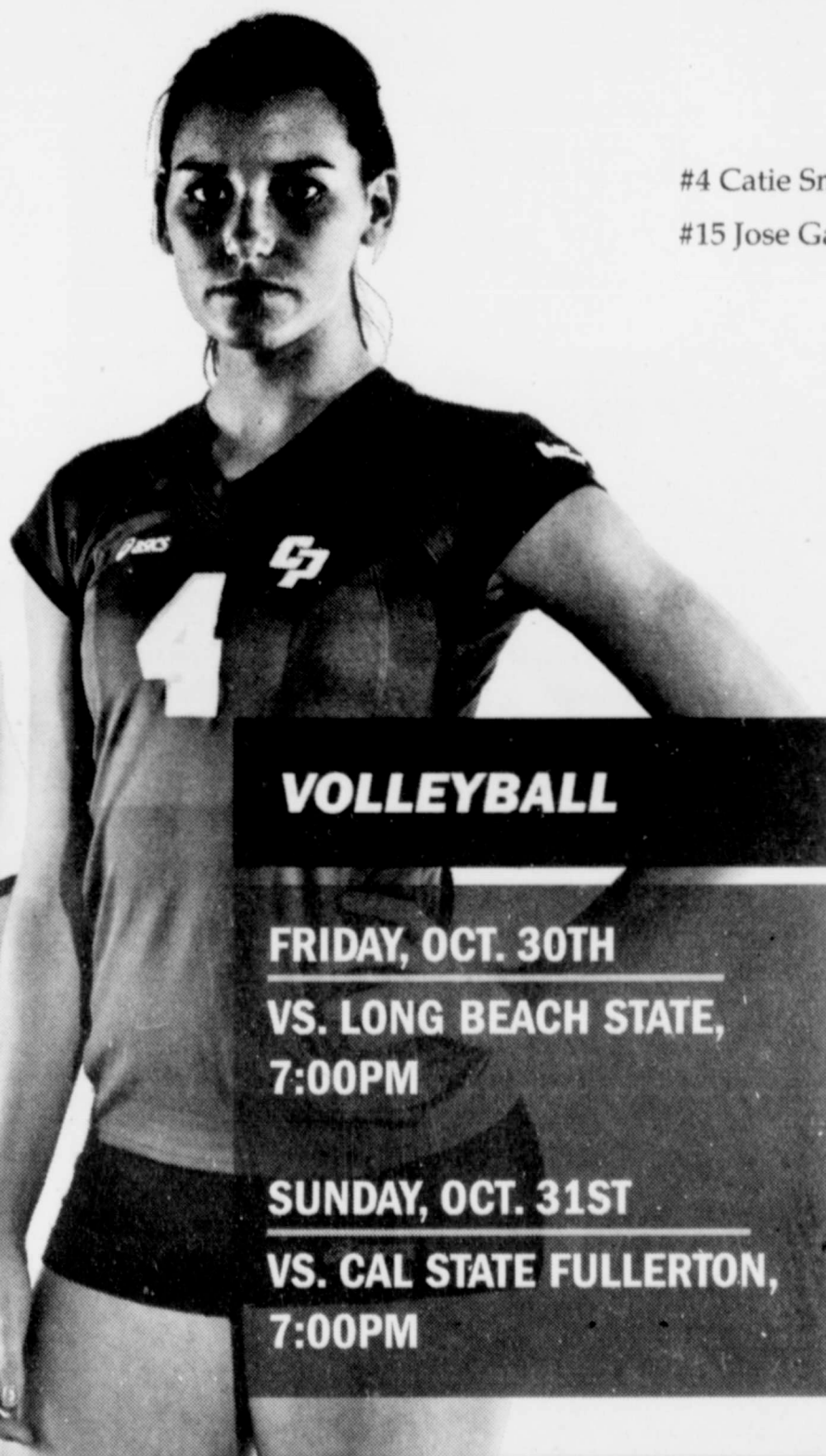
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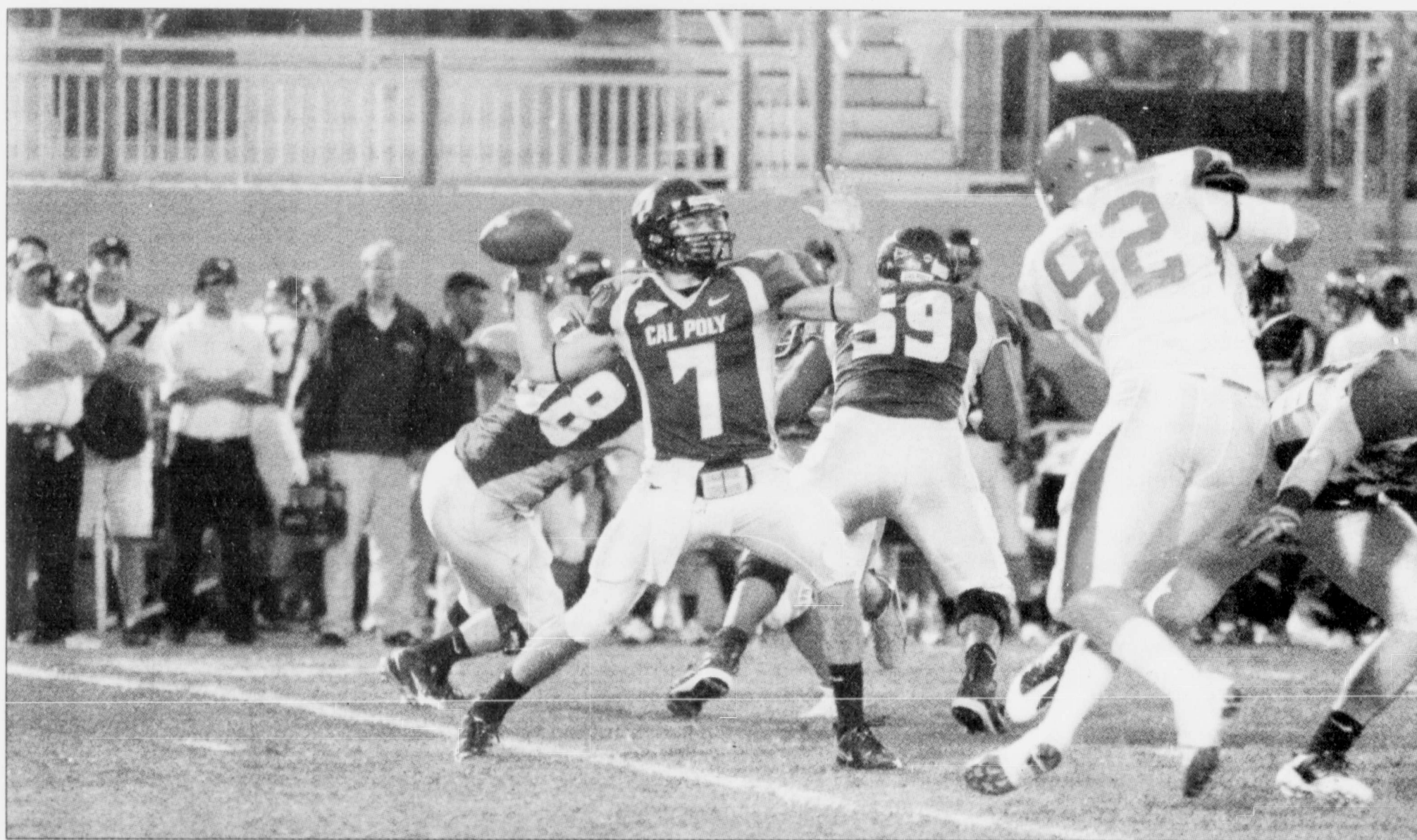
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Quarterback Tony Smith passed for over 100 yards and tallied four total touchdowns against Dixie State in Alex G. Spanos stadium Saturday.



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Brian De Los Santos
MUSTANG DAILY

For some, a .500 record, a 30-point one-sided victory would be impressive. But Cal Poly football head coach Tim Walsh still sees room for improvement in his team.

The Mustangs (4-3, Great West Conference) were able to lay Dixie State (4-5) to rest 44-14 Saturday night, but Walsh wasn't focused on the 297 total yards and four touchdowns that the offense pieced together in its highest-scoring showcase this season.

"Offensively (there were) too many bumps in the road. We (have to) play a lot better down the stretch if we're going to achieve the goals that we set for ourselves," he said.

The opposition may have been questionable; Dixie State has been a Division II school for two years, making the jump from a community college in 2006.

But with the passing game struggling thus far, the team was happy to see quarterback Tony Smith connect on more than half his throws and amass four touchdowns, two through the air and on the ground.

Smith, however, said there was much to be desired in how the team

played Saturday.

"Honestly I think we played OK; I don't think we played breakout at all," Smith said.

The defensive and special teams play that Cal Poly's other sides of the ball put forth, once again.

In front of 9,231 fans in Alex G. Spanos Stadium, the Mustang defense caused four turnovers and held its opponent scoreless until 3:13 was left in the third quarter.

"(On defense and special teams) I thought we were dominant," Walsh said.

In 3:07 Cal Poly was able to mount 21 points at the start of the second half. Smith's one-yard touchdown run, set up by a 59-yard punt return by cornerback Asa Jackson, a punt block returned for a touchdown and a fumble return for a touchdown sent the game from a close-sided affair into a blowout.

"It was a good defensive effort today ... lots of times I was looking (behind me) and I was seeing one of our guys get the ball," linebacker Carlton Gillespie said.

Gillespie was just one of many Mustang defenders who pitched tents in the Red Storm backfield. He finished with four tackles, three for losses, and a forced fumble.

"The guys on the (defensive line) did a great job on making those lanes huge, and I was able to run through them," he said.

However, in the midst of victory came some bad news. The injury bug that has plagued the Mustangs all season struck again.

"We lost another offensive lineman. We're not playing with what we started (the season) with," Walsh said. "Guys are going to have to realize that when they prepare in practice, they better be prepared to

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swimming

Haven breaks four school records

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

MALIBU, Calif. — Angela Haven won five events on the women's side, breaking four school records, while Peter Kline earned four victories in men's events as Cal Poly competed in the Malibu Invitational at Pepperdine University on Saturday.

Haven, a freshman from Monrovia, shattered a 30-year-old Mustang record in the 100 breaststroke, winning the event in 1 minute, 3.59 seconds. The old mark of 1:04.55 was set by Heather Davis in 1979.

Haven also broke the 100 butterfly mark with a time of 55.74 seconds. Mary Thomas held the old mark of 56.27 in 2004.

Other records Haven broke were in the 200 individual medley (2:04.19) and the 200 breaststroke (2:18.72), winning both events. Stacy Peterson held the old 200 IM mark of 2:04.58 set in 2004 while Carolyn Bentley set the old 200 breast mark of 2:20.64 in 1990.

Haven also claimed the 400 IM in 4:30.04.

Mustangs Amy Morales, Melody White, Katrina Anderson and Lacey Buck each won one event.

Morales took the 50 backstroke in 27.38 seconds, White won the 100 backstroke in 58.93, Anderson claimed the 200 backstroke in 2:07.06 and Buck touched the wall first in the 500 freestyle in 5:02.31.

On the men's side, Kline posted first-place finishes in the 100 backstroke (51.26), 200 IM (1:54.21), 200 backstroke (1:51.48) and 400 IM (4:03.21).

Jonathan Richards swept the breaststroke events — the 50 (26.34), 100 (57.55) and 200 (2:08.51) — while David Laflamme won two events — the 100 freestyle (46.24) and 100 butterfly (51.27).

Matthew Waggoner earned Cal Poly's other individual victory, taking the 500 freestyle in 4:32.07.

Cal Poly also won the men's and women's 300 freestyle relay events.

Coach Tom Milich's Mustangs return to action Oct. 31 with a dual meet against UC Santa Barbara at 11 a.m. in the Anderson Aquatic Center.

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